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## Golden Triangle Becomes 'Piece of the Rock' \$2.5 Million Sale to Prudential Announced

by Elaine Skolnik

In a major land sale, 37 of the 55-acre Golden Triangle tract was sold to the Prudential Insurance Company of America for approximately \$2.5 million. The announcement was made by Kenneth H. Michael at a press conference in the office of County Executive Lawrence J. Hogan on November 1. President of Kenneth H. Michael Companies, Inc., Michael was the developer of the Triangle for previous owners, Kravco. The Michael firm will continue as planning consultants for the site.

Bounded by three major thoroughfares—I-495, Kenilworth Avenue and Greenbelt Road—the Triangle is considered one of the prime commercial locations in the metropolitan area.

"We have been looking in Prince Georges County for one and a half years for a suitable tract of land which we could develop for long-term investment purposes. When the Golden Triangle was brought to our attention, we moved as fast as possible," said Robert F. Dolan, Prudential's regional vice president. "Prudential," he explained, "has a \$100 million investment in Prince Georges County," referring to various real estate investments.

During the next five years, Prudential intends to build, manage

and own nearly 400,000 square feet of office space in several mid- and high-rise buildings on the Triangle. Office building development on the entire tract, at the present time, is restricted to 450,000 square feet.

First on Prudential's timetable is an 80,000 square foot building slated for construction in early 1980. Additionally, Michael will build a 60,000 square foot building to house his headquarters at the entrance to the Triangle on a three-acre tract owned by his company. Nearby, the first Golden Triangle occupant, Capitol Cadillac, has opened a 60,000 square foot automobile agency, 6.5 acres.

The Prudential development will generally adhere to the concept plan conceived by Michael and approved by the county and, for the most part, by the city. However, Dolan said that the number and location of buildings designed on the plan could change to accommodate prospective tenants.

### Plan Hailed

Hogan and Mayor Pro Tem Richard Pilski hailed the proposed Prudential plan as being good for the city and county, a development they dubbed as "high quality."

"I am delighted to have a piece of the 'Rock' in the county," said Hogan, adding that it was "a major investment and a vote of confidence." See TRIANGLE, Page 5, Col. 1

## Zoning Conflicts Shape Golden Triangle History

by Elaine Skolnik

The Golden Triangle had a stormy beginning in the 1960's—a decade in which Greenbelt City Councils, Greenbelt Homes Inc., civic associations and residents stood up and fought for the integrity of the Greenbelt Master Plan, with its concepts of low-density land use, minimum traffic congestion and maximum open space.

In February 1962 the developer, Milton Selig/Kravco, indicated a desire to construct a regional shopping center with tenants such as Korvettes. However, the District Council, the zoning agency for the county commission, at that time reclassified the Triangle single family/R-55 from rural planned community/RPC.

Later zoning battles of the sixties included a major defeat for the Triangle, but not until Greenbelt had exhausted all remedies available to it. Finally, the District Court in September 1966 and the Maryland Court of Appeals in October 1967 upheld the District Council's March 1965 rezoning of the Triangle to C-2 (General Commercial).

### Development

Since the early 1970's several development plans for the Triangle have been presented to city council. In 1972 the Lustine auto-

See ZONING, p. 5, col. 2

## Citizens Rally to Support of Community Cultural Center; Council Is Interested

by Hally Ahearn

Along with many words of caution concerning financial problems and time restraints, Konrad Herling's still loosely defined idea to convert the theatre in the Center Shopping Mall to a cultural arts center received enthusiastic consideration in a high-spirited public hearing on Monday, November 5. Close to 60 people came out to the hearing called by city council to hear other viable suggestions for use of the space besides the health spa currently being negotiated by Georgetown investors. George Christacos, owner of the property, was out of the country, but councilman Richard Castaldi reported that Christacos was receptive to any use of the property. "His major concern is that he needs something that is financially sound," said Castaldi.

Konrad Herling, the first to speak, presented his plan for a cultural center, calling it a "good plan for Greenbelt, and for Mr. Christacos." Herling envisions a center for the performing arts—plays, concerts, films, dance—

which would also serve as a gallery for paintings and sculpture and a hall for lectures and discussions in the humanities. He wants to establish a non-profit corporation to raise money and administer programming and operations.

Herling introduced Tom Shriver of the Grenoble Theatre Guild who said, "legitimate theatre presents a wonderful opportunity to involve the community—not just as actors, but as technicians, stage hands, in making props and costumes." He noted that bringing in outsiders would support Center Mall business.

Herling then called on architect Bill Stratton who presented two plans for conversion of the theatre space. One plan cuts the theatre's present seating down from 500 to 230 to make room for a stage, dressing rooms and prop storage. The second plan, which would require more extensive rehabilitation, cuts seating down to 135, "a good number for enjoyable intimacy" according to the architect. Stratton pictures this intimate setting as "a neighborhood gathering place." "We don't have a good tavern, a good bar in Greenbelt," he said, urging that "we do something special with

the space. A theatre just has a different feel than a health spa." He also suggested seeking affiliation with the American Film Institute.

Councilman Castaldi wondered if Stratton could present some ballpark figures for his rehab plans, and suggested that he might consult with the owners

See HEARING, p. 8, col. 1

### WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m. Woman's Club Meeting, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, speaker. Community Church Social Hall 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Sun., Nov. 11, 11 a.m. Veterans Day Observance, War Memorial, Centerway 8 p.m. Cultural Center Meeting, Youth Center

Mon., Nov. 12 Visitation Day in all county schools

Wed., Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. Citizens for Greenbelt, Grenoble Hall

7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Historical Society Meeting. Greenbelt Library

8 p.m. PRAB Monthly Meeting, Youth Center. Conference Room

## GHI Homes Are Declared "Historically Significant"

by Mary Lou Williamson

The entire Greenbelt Homes area (frame and brick) of the original planned town of Greenbelt has been declared "historically significant" and is therefore eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. That determination was made Monday, November 5, by Carol Shull, Acting Keeper of the National Register; staff member Emma Jane Saxe notified the *News Review*. (See accompanying letter for full statement.) The City of Greenbelt had requested a ten-day review and quick decision of eligibility on behalf of GHI. City Manager James K. Giese announced the decision at Monday's city council meeting.

"Greenbelt belongs on the National Register," GHI board member Donald Volk had said a year ago when he appeared before council to ask for city support for its application for listing. "It is a milestone in town planning," he had emphasized. At that time GHI had hoped to qualify for special federally-insured rehabilitation loans as a direct result of the historic designation.

GHI soon discovered that only commercial structures are eligible for such loans. However, other low-cost federal financing for part of the cooperative's extensive rehabilitation plans was achieved. In late September, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development committed \$6.4 million in Section 312 loans for multi-family housing to finance substantial rehabilitation.

Two weeks later the Maryland Historical Trust notified HUD of its obligation to determine whether the affected area, GHI, might be historically significant. If it might be, then HUD was required to seek a determination of eligibility from the Secretary of the Interior through the National Register.

During the past ten days the National Register staff reviewed the application and supporting information which was forwarded to it by the City of Greenbelt. The city staff, with GHI's help, has all but completed the very complex and detailed application for listing all of the original portion of Greenbelt on the National Register. The review and quick decision, however, applies only to the GHI area. The full application is expected to be formally presented to the Governor's Commission later this fall.

### Criteria Used

The criteria applied in determining eligibility of the GHI area by the National Register follows: "The quality of significance in American history, architecture . . . is present in districts . . . that possess integrity of . . . design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and:

A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history . . . ; or B. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or

C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual dis-

## GHI Is Declared Historic District

"The district is historically and architecturally significant for its association with community planning as one of the federal government's early experiments in planned towns. Greenbelt retains its basic integrity of design, materials, setting, feeling, and association. It has achieved exceptional significance dating from its construction in 1937 and 1941."

Carol Shull, Acting Keeper The National Register of Historic Places, Department of the Interior

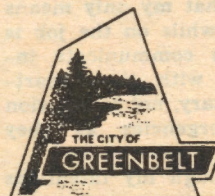
inction . . . Because GHI is less than the required age of 50 years, exception G applies: a property achieving significance within the past 50 years if it is of exceptional importance."

Now that GHI has been declared historically significant, the Maryland Historical Trust will review GHI's plans for rehabilitation to determine what impact those plans may have on the historical preservation of GHI. The Maryland Trust enters the picture whenever federal or state grants or loans are involved in a program affecting an eligible site or district.

Trust officers George Andreve and Nancy Miller will come to Greenbelt next week to learn more about the details of GHI and its rehabilitation project. Miller told the *News Review* that her agency "will review the plans to determine what affect they might have on the historic resource, GHI, and if that affect is adverse, how to mitigate or lessen it." First of all, she said, "we want to find out exactly what individual (GHI) houses are like."

## Fun Runs

The first fun run of the month will be held this Saturday, November 10, at 9 a.m. at Greenbelt Lake near the Concession Stand. Distances of 1/2, 1, and 2 1/2 miles are scheduled around the Lake path. Run one or run them all. Certificates will be given to all finishers. The next Fun Run will be held on November 24. For further information, call Larry Noel at 474-9362.



## City of Greenbelt, Maryland

### Holiday Refuse Schedule

Due to the Veterans' Day holiday, Monday, November 12, there will be no refuse collection on that day. The regular Monday route will be picked up on Tuesday. The regular Tuesday route will be picked up on Wednesday. THERE WILL BE NO PAPER COLLECTION THIS WEEK. Refuse collection for Thursday and Friday will be on the regular schedule.



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## SENIOR CITIZENS HEALTH CENTER

by Blanche Lee

Announcement was made at the regular meeting of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club, Wednesday, October 31, concerning the Senior Citizens' Health Clinic at 3718 - 38th Ave., Cottage City, Md. The clinic operates under a Federal Grant for designated areas of Prince Georges County, and Old Greenbelt is one of the designated areas. It is free to Senior Citizens 55 years of age or older.

The Clinic offers basic medical treatment and tests, has a full-time doctor and nurse, and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Transportation will be furnished by calling 927-6118 for appointment.

## Mishkan Torah News

A panel will discuss "The Ritual of Formal Conversion - Is It Really Necessary" at Mishkan Torah services on Fri., Nov. 9 at 8 p.m.

Rabbi Jan Kaufman of the University of Maryland Hillel Chapter will speak on Thurs., Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. His topic will be "Modern Jewish Alternatives." Interested persons are invited.

## Art Show Entries Needed

The Arts Division of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission announces the 1980 Art Show, Artists Today Touring Exhibition, a juried show. All area artists are eligible. The application deadline is December 17. Painting works on paper and crafts will be juried by Suzanna Theiblot, an artist and former curator of the Maryland Biennial. There is an entry fee. Awards will be given for outstanding work. For applications and further information, call Phyllis Henkelan, 490-2329 or the Arts Division 699-2450.

## 'Our Town' at E. Roosevelt

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School presentation of "Our Town," a play by Thornton Wilder, is scheduled for November 8-11, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, at 8 p.m., and a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

The cast of "Our Town" is replete with Greenbelters: Anne McCracken as Emily, Ken Holl as George, Angie Schreiber, Ron Jefferson, Ilana Stern, Trevor Siegel and Alan Amberg. Greenbelt Michele Berke will sign the part of the Stage Manager for the deaf at all performances.

Before "Our Town" came along, the American theatre was confined within the naturalistic limits of the conventional stage setting, with its three walls and missing "fourth wall" for the audience to see through. But Wilder dispersed these limitations and proved that it was possible, by the spoken word alone, to create a whole town, a whole lifetime of emotional experience.

## Marathon Times Requested

Greenbelters who competed in last Sunday's fourth annual Marine Corps Marathon are invited to call Alexander Barnes at 474-5310 to report how they did. These reports will be compiled in an article for next week's News Review.

## THANKS

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the Greenbelt Rescue Squad, Msgr. O'Donnell, Father Amey, and the Ladies of Charity of St. Hugh's Church. Also our many friends and neighbors for their prayers, flowers, cards and other expressions of sympathy.

The Family of Teresa Pels

## Citizens for Greenbelt

There will be a general membership of "Citizens for Greenbelt" held on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m., in Grenoble Hall (St. Hugh's Church).

An election of officers will be held and committees will be formed. Any person who wants to run for an office but cannot attend the meeting, should send a brief statement expressing that interest to: Irene Hensel, 6 Orange Court.

Please contact Irene at 345-8630 in the evenings if there are any questions concerning the meeting and/or the organization.

## Siegel Replies

To the Editor:

Although I enjoyed Hally Ahearn's profile on myself immensely, I must clarify a few points mentioned.

1) Concerning drugs within the park grounds, at no time do I condone the use of any drugs. Drug users in the Park are in clear violation of the law and as such are answerable to the law. However, I do use a great deal of discretion when approaching persons in that I always advise them first that what they are doing is illegal and secondly, should they stay, they are solely responsible for their actions.

2) Concerning the lack of portable radios, my concern here was directed more towards the regular officers who may encounter possibly dangerous situations throughout the day without having properly working portables. In my position as park-patrolman, the problem with the lack of portables and/or improperly working portables is only further escalated in that my only means of protection while on the job is the ability to communicate instantaneously with the department if necessary, not to mention handling emergencies as they arise.

Lastly, although my intentions are to run for city council sometime in the near future, I at no time imagined that the road towards the Senate was just a quick jump and skip away from being a city councilman. However, a little dreaming never hurts.

Marc Siegel

## Teresa F. Pels

Teresa F. Pels, 75, who was the school nurse at Greenbelt Junior High School for about 20 years before retiring in the early 1970s, died of kidney failure Sunday, October 28 at Prince Georges Doctor's Hospital.

She was a member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church and was an active member and past president of the church's Ladies of Charity. She was also a member of the Holy Cross Sisters Guild.

Mrs. Pels was a native of Worcester, Mass., and a graduate of the New York School of Nursing. She worked as a nurse in New York City before coming to Washington in the 1930s. She and her husband Dr. Siegfried E. Pels, were among the first settlers in Greenbelt in 1937.

Mrs. Pels supported the Greenbelt Community Band, the CYO, the Little League and the Boy and Girl Scout Organizations while her children were growing up in Greenbelt.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Pels is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth A. Pels, also of the home, and a son Philip of Alexandria.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Hugh's Church on Wednesday, October 31. Interment was at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be in the form of contributions to the Debt Reduction Fund at St. Hugh's Catholic Church or a charity of choice.

## Cultural Center Meeting

To the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the public hearing concerning the future of the former movie theatre. It was an excellent point from which to launch an intense campaign for a cultural center project. There was a spirit of community at that hearing—a spirit which will grow as our effort progresses.

This is not a project for just a few to benefit a few, but rather a community project which will promote entertainment, intellectual stimulation and opportunities for creative expression of our youth, young adults, families, the vibrant elderly and those from all areas of our city.

We need to raise money for both the short-term and the long-term.

We need to involve carpenters, costume makers, technicians, sculptors, painters, teachers and everyone who wants to contribute.

We need to demonstrate to the owner of the Greenbelt Shopping Center that there is support for a center of the arts. In this regard, I invite all concerned to a meeting, to help organize our effort, this Sunday, 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center's Multi-Purpose Room.

This is a pioneering effort, but then so is Greenbelt. Let's continue to work in that tradition.

Konrad Herling

## "Weird People"

To the Editor:

I loved last week's letter to the editor by the Grenoble Theatre Guild. "They (the people who frequent health spas) are not likely to desire shopping and they are definitely not likely to frequent eating places. . . We are to believe that people who go to health spas don't do any shopping and don't eat. Surely, they are thoroughly weird people who should not be encouraged to come to Greenbelt. And I assume, following their logic, that anyone on a diet is immediately kicked out of the Grenoble Theatre Guild and cultural centers!"

Jon Lawrence

## Festival Earnings

Organizations which had booths or other money-making ventures at the 1979 Festival are reminded that their statements on their earnings are due. Each organization participating must submit a statement showing its gross earnings, net profit, and the percentage due to the Festival Committee no later than December 1. Festival books are audited at the end of each year and all funds must be received. Please send statements to Bob Sonneveldt, Treasurer, Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, Box 2, Greenbelt, 20770.

## Police Blotter

Several storage lockers in the Springhill Lake Apartments were entered and items such as tires, tools and bikes were stolen. Residents are cautioned not to store valuables in these areas.

A male juvenile was arrested after he assaulted another juvenile by cutting his forehead with a knife. An adult male was arrested in the Springhill Lake area for disorderly conduct and for possessing a concealed weapon.

Entry was gained to the ARCO Station on Breezewood Drive and \$150 in goods was stolen.

## Veterans Observance

The Annual Greenbelt Veterans Day Observance will be held on Sunday, November 11 at the Greenbelt War Memorial on Centerway at 11 a.m. The event will be sponsored by the American Legion Post 136.

## Christmas Mailing Tips

The domestic "Mail Early" campaign will begin shortly after Thanksgiving, but because of the often complex transportation situation outside the continental United States, the public should be aware of suggested overseas mailing dates.

The following dates are suggested for early November mailing: Military Mail—November 1, Space Available Mail (SAM) and regular surface parcels to the Mid East; Nov. 8, Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL) to the Mid East; Nov. 10, SAM to Southeast Asia; Surface parcels to Central and South America, Europe and Africa; SAM to Africa, Australia, Central and South America; **International (Civil)** mail October 27, surface mail to SE Asia, SE Africa, West Africa, Australia and Far East; Nov. 1, Surface mail to the Mid East; Nov. 10, Surface mail to North and Northwest Africa, Central and South America and Europe.

### MOWATT MEMORIAL

United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

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Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor

474-1924

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Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

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10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

422-8057

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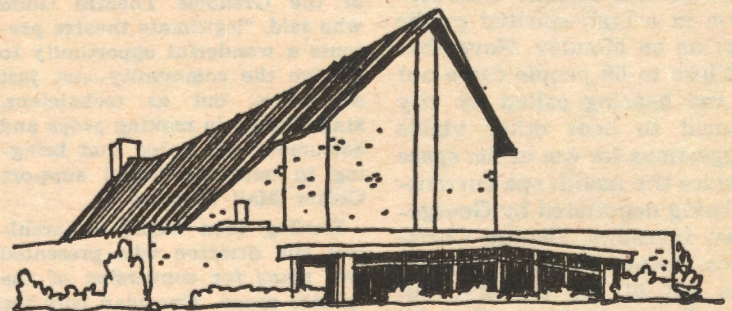
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Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111



# Post Office "Cost Analysis" Irritates Council; Detailed Study Requested

by Leta Mach

The Greenbelt City Council on November 5 voted unanimously to request a copy of the U.S. Postal Services analysis of the costs for maintaining split facilities for the Greenbelt postal district (customer services in the Center and a distribution facility elsewhere, but not at Parkway and Crescent).

In a letter to Mayor Gil Weidenfeld on October 26, E. E. Fleming, Jr., District Manager of the Maryland/DC District, stated that the post office was going ahead with plans to build a new main facility at the Parkway and Crescent location based on the findings of this analysis.

Councilman Charles Schwan registered amazement with the "so-called" report the city had received from the postal service. Roughly half of the three page double-spaced report is background and only seven lines are devoted to the economic analysis, he explained. "I don't know whether it is valid or not," said Schwan, as he moved that the city request a copy of the economic analysis. The postal service had agreed to make the "in-depth economic analysis" at a meeting in January 1979 chaired by Congresswoman Gladys Spellman. Only after receiving it can the city make its own analysis, felt Schwan.

Councilman Thomas White expanded the motion to include getting copies of the analysis for Senators Paul Sarbanes and Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. We ought to enlist their support, he said.

In his letter to Weidenfeld, Fleming notes that Congresswoman Spellman has also received the results of the analysis and "no objections to the analysis have been made." In a letter to Fleming, Spellman expressed surprise at this statement (see Spellman's letter).

## City Disapproval

Weidenfeld added that the city should also communicate to postal officials and the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) that it expects no action until the city can see and respond to the analysis. Although NCPC approved the Parkway and Crescent site on February 1, 1973, the city did not approve it because of confusion about procedures. Congresswoman Spellman had written to David M. Childs, NCPC chairman, urging that this site approval be reconsidered "knowing of the city's disapproval."

The report which the city received from the postal service concluded that building one main facility would result in a savings of \$760,000 over ten years. This figure is made up of a loss of \$467,000 for a split operation (customer services would remain in the center with a distribution facility elsewhere) and a savings of \$293,000 for just one new main facility. Councilman Richard Castaldi felt that \$76,000 a year was minor "compared to the impact and detriment to the center." The city council has consistently felt that the removal of the post office would adversely affect the center shopping area's viability. Congresswoman Spellman also urged Childs "to remember the close-knit community spirit of Greenbelt and the deleterious economic consequences of moving this facility." Further, she felt, "we should not, I believe, ignore the increased emotional costs that the people of Greenbelt will

suffer from the divestiture of Greenbelt's original town center charm."

Fleming stated in his letter that the postal service will proceed with plans to build a new facility at the Parkway and Crescent site. The postal service report concluded that policy "mandates that consideration be given to the economic cost/benefit of all activities." It further added that since that site was less than 1,500 feet from the center "the non-quantifiable site convenience of Alternate A (split facilities) is deemed minimal." Fleming felt that further delays would be detrimental. Weidenfeld said he was not sympathetic since the postal service had taken so long (10 months) to complete the study.

## Residents Objections

Citizen Bill Wilkerson expressed

his amazement at the lack of documentation by the postal service. Parkway resident Penny McClellan also voiced a number of objections to the Parkway site. These included increased noise, loss of trees, devitalization of the town center and the attitude of post office officials. She referred to the threat of the post office to move out of Greenbelt if it could not use this site. It was largely because of this implied threat that Greenbelt Homes Inc. members voted to sell the land to the postal service last November.

Schwan felt the council did not need to restate its position. Council favors split facilities with customer services remaining in the center and a distribution facility located elsewhere, but not on Parkway. "The only thing new is this alleged economic analysis,"

## SPELLMAN LETTER

Mr. E. E. Fleming Jr.  
District Manager, Maryland-  
D. C. District  
United States Postal Service  
Post Office Box 1000  
Columbia, Maryland 21045

Dear Mr. Fleming,

It came as a surprise to read in your letter to the Greenbelt officials that I had no objections to the analysis which you have presented to the City of Greenbelt. In fact, during our discussion with the Postal Service liaison officials, we were advised there was no other option available, and that the relocation decision was imminent.

I have not changed my opposition to the movement of the facility out of the shopping center. I still believe relocating the post office will do great harm to the economic stability and the community cohesiveness.

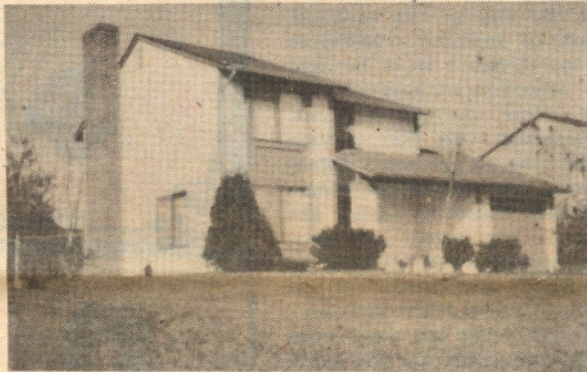
The Postal Service's decision to relocate a single post office at Crescent and Parkway is a great disappointment, not only to me, but to the people of Greenbelt as well.

Sincerely,  
Gladys Noon Spellman  
Member of Congress

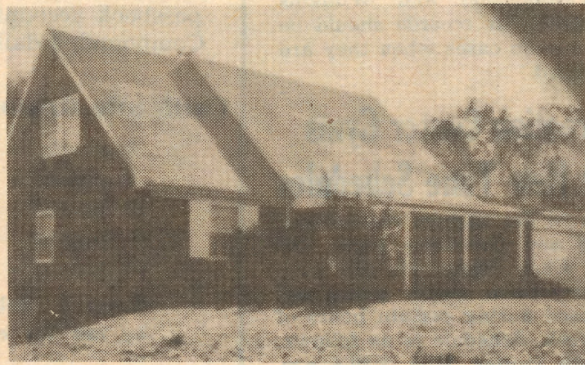
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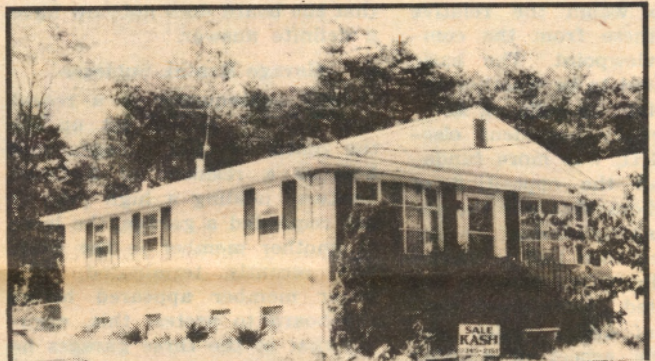
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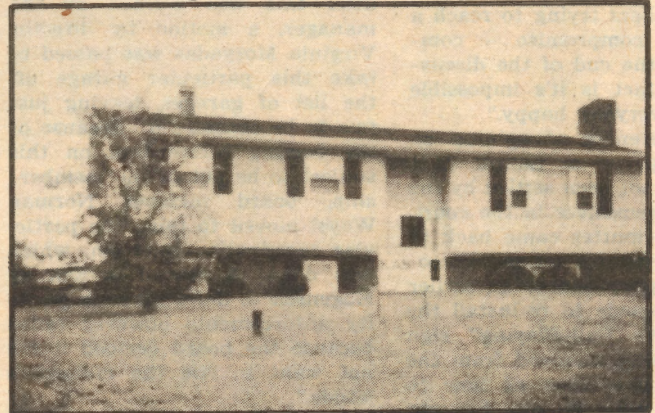
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# Additions, Ball-playing, Garages Divide Neighbors, GHI Bd. Arbitrates

by Sid Kastner

At the regular Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board meeting on Thursday evening, much of the time was taken up with board efforts to deal even-handedly with members on opposite sides of issues within particular courts. The first such arbitration, on a request for an addition, took over an hour; the second, on a continuing problem with ball-playing in a North End area, took another half-hour. Continuing garage lease questions consumed still more time and left the board with about a third of a meeting to go into sales and leasing policy, maintenance problems and rehabilitation.

A member's request to build an addition on her house at 2 Court Gardenway produced opposition from neighboring members, who contend that the addition "sticking out" would spoil the appearance of the eight homes in the row, and object to the proposed vinyl siding as being out of place next to the original brick. The requesting member has responded by submitting three alternate proposals beside the original, and the board - the audience - attempted to weigh the relative merits of these from the complainants' viewpoint. The basic issue appeared to be whether the member's right to build an addition, as set by precedent elsewhere in GHI, was more fundamental than the opposition of court neighbors; this was the position ultimately taken by the board, which then had to choose the least disruptive plan of the four submitted. After much consideration of detail, which disqualified one aspect or another because of non-conformity with regulations, a modification of the member's original proposal was accepted on a motion by director Margaret Hogensen. Chairman Donald Volk - among several board members trying to reach a reasonable compromise - commented at the end of the discussion, "the fact is it's impossible to make everyone happy."

The differences of opinion on ball-playing in a Laurel Hill court have not been settled by the members themselves in the court, and so the matter came back to the board for resolution. Director Ed James produced an earlier motion he made to re-install the original "No Ball-Playing" sign that had been removed from the court. In discussion of how to implement this, it was brought out that the condition of the area in question is "deplorable" with "beer cans, broken glass" littering it. Director Bobbi McCarthy renewed a suggestion that substantial parts of it be formally planted; Hogensen urged "Can't we get the city to fix it up?" The motion to re-install the sign was passed and in reply to questions from the involved members as to precisely what would be prohibited, James suggested that GHI would likely follow existing city regulations on ball playing.

## Alternative Heating

Recently some members, in response to the rising cost of fuel oil, have been installing individual heating systems in their homes, usually electrical. A member now has asked for authorization to install a wood-burning stove in her home. She explained that her main motivation was to "act against OPEC" (control of the oil situation) and added that

the board could well be encouraging other members to do likewise. Chief engineer Ove Kongstedt had no objection, and in fact was "in favor of it." However, he recommended that to avoid fire hazard the necessary metal chimney pipe should be boxed in; manager Roy Breashears exhibited a sample of imitation brick fire-resistant panel which can be used for the purpose. A motion by James to grant the request was passed. (Later in the meeting, James, a proponent of individual heating systems in general, proposed that the board consider a referendum question to members on such conversions.)

This item brought up a related issue of whether - or to what extent - members carrying out their own energy-saving measures should be exempted from GHI's charges. One member of the audience related that her family has installed about \$2,000 worth of insulation, and is still "patiently waiting" for lower monthly charges; she made the point that "for about six months I'll be ahead of the other (members)," so that she felt lower heating costs should be assessed. Chairman Volk agreed that "Some adjustment for the first year may need to be made, to cover some cases such as yours" but noted that the board does not now have a definite answer.

## Garage Rental, Sublease

As a consequence of a recent new priority system set up for the rental of GHI garages, and because a resident of 2 Court Eastway holding a high priority has requested a garage, the lease of another member in the court was recently terminated. The latter member appeared before the board to protest this, arguing that of the three garages he is presumed to have only one is actually rented from the corporation. It was brought out that one of the three was originally purchased and incorporated into his home as attached living space; after this was verified by the manager, a motion by director Virginia Moryadas was passed to take this particular garage off the list of garages, leaving just two to be considered. Because of the coming referendum on this subject to be put to the membership, board member Norman Weyel moved to table the particular termination question, which was done. A second motion by Hogensen to defer all such priority enforcements however failed because the board decided it did not want to "tie the manager's hands."

The matter of an unauthorized

## At the Library

At a craft special on Wed., Nov. 14 at 3 p.m., children aged 6-12 can make their own book in honor of National Children's Book Week. Register with the Children's Librarian beginning November 5.

Drop in stories for 3-5 year olds continue on Tues. at 10:30 a.m. and Thurs. at 2 p.m.

The animated film festival will show *The Devil and Daniel Mouse* and *How We Made The Devil and Daniel Mouse* on Tues., Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. A classic film and selected shorts will be shown on both Wed., Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Thurs., Nov. 15 at 10:30 a.m. *A Farewell To Arms* and *Looney Tom, The Happy Lover* will be shown.

The library will be closed Nov. 12 in observance of Veterans' Day.

sublease to two tenants, by a also taken up by the board whose member in 14 Court Ridge, was members generally took exception to the fact that permission had not been requested. Complaints have been received as well that the area of the home has become a nuisance. However, on being assured by letter from the owner that he will return, a short extension of the arrangement was approved.

## Other Items

An area next to the Receiving Building on Hamilton Place, recently proposed as a site for incoming rehabilitation material, has met with disfavor both within the board (as reported at a previous meeting) and from nearby residents who have petitioned against it. The manager and engineer now report that the GHI-owned tract to the east of the corporation's offices, presently occupied by trailer parks and some garden plots, is more extensive than had been thought and can well serve the purpose. On a motion by Moryadas the new site was quickly approved. Directors Wayne Williams and Moryadas asked that garden club members be inconvenienced as little as possible, which the staff said they would try to take into account.

Near the end of the meeting, a couple of member complaints about maintenance were brought to the attention of board members by Volk and by Williams. One complaint was that it took three months to get some defective items repaired in the member's house, following similar delays on other repair requests. In the second case, related by Williams, the surprising fact has been found that a sewer line serving one GHI home has never been properly connected to the main line, causing a history of problems for the occupants over the past three decades. The question of division of responsibility between GHI and WSSC came up again, as it has in the past in such situations; and Williams suggested that records should be kept of such cases when they are discovered.

## Recreation Center Gyms Post New Time Schedules

Due to the various recreational nights and Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club basketball practices, the recreation center gyms will be closed during certain hours of the week. Schedule is as follows:

**Youth Center**, Mon. 3:30-6 p.m. Open; 6-7 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club; 7-10 p.m. Men's Night; Tues. 3:30-5 p.m. Open; 5-10 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club; Wed. 3:30-6 p.m. Open; 6-7 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club; 7-11 p.m. Women's Night; Thurs. 3:30-5 p.m. Open; 5-10 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club; Fri. 3:30-6 p.m. Open; 6-7 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club; 7-11 p.m. Women's Night; Sat. 9 a.m.-12 n. Boys' & Girls' Club; 12n.-3 p.m. Classes; 3-7 p.m. Open; 7-11 p.m. Teen Night; Sun. 1-10 p.m. Open.

**Springhill Lake**, Mon. 3:30-5 p.m. Open; 5-7 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club; 7-10 p.m. Men's Night; Tues. 3:30-5 p.m. Open; 5-10 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club; Wed. 3:30-5 p.m. Open; 5-7 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club; 7-10 p.m. Women's Night/CYO Practice; Thurs. 3:30-5 p.m. Open; 5-10 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club; Fri. 3:30-5 p.m. Open; 5-7 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club; 7-9 p.m. CYO Practice; 9-11 p.m. Open; Sat. 9 a.m.-12 n. Classes; 12n.-3 p.m. Boys' & Girls' Club; 3-7 p.m. Open; 7-11 p.m. Teen Night; Sun. 1-10 p.m. Open.

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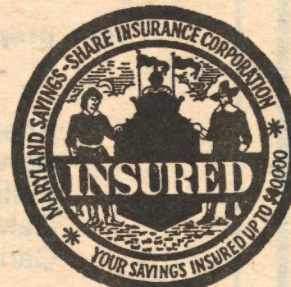
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fidence in Prince Georges County on the part of Prudential," one that will benefit the taxpayers.

Pilski focused on Greenbelt's international reputation as "an early planned residential community. We seek," he said, "the same quality of planning in our commercial facilities and look forward to working with Prudential to achieve it in the development of the Golden Triangle." He noted that the city's insistence on comprehensive development planning over the years was largely responsible for the high quality development goal that Michael and Prudential desire for the tract.

#### "Fast Track"

"I look forward to working with Prudential in the county to make (the Triangle) a true showcase," said Hogan. He announced that later this month he would be sending a package of recommendations to the County Council for a "fast track approval process for priority commercial developments" to expedite the progression of projects from site planning to actual construction. This process, he said, would "avoid conflicts among the requirements of agencies." It would include a conference between the developer and a Pre-application Review Committee composed of the various governmental agencies involved in the development authorization review process. In this way, he said, the developer will gain a clear picture of the design criteria which each agency will require as the project develops.

The Department of Economic Development will be charged with making these procedures work, said Hogan. He hoped this new process would "solve some of the development project problems and attract other businesses to the county."

#### Prudential

The Triangle development project will be the first to be undertaken by Prudential in suburban Maryland. Currently Prudential has seven projects in the planning, construction or lease-up stages in the Washington-Baltimore area, including three office buildings in Washington, D.C., and one in the Baltimore suburbs. These projects account for a total of 95 million dollars in investment funds.

Prudential started its Washington area development activities in suburban Virginia and remains active there. It has a 15-story building nearing completion in Tysons Corner.

## Recreation Review

#### Men's "A" Basketball League

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now taking registrations for the 1980 season's basketball league. Competition will be held in the Springhill Lake Rec. Center Gym on Sun. evenings beginning Jan. 6. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Deadline is Fri., Dec. 14, 5 p.m. To qualify as a resident team, 60% of the roster must be Greenbelt residents, addresses will be checked. A franchise fee is charged for resident and non-resident teams. For further information, call the Youth Center Business Office, Mon. thru Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 474-6878.

#### Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot

Boys and girls, ages 9-12 and 13-16, are invited to compete in the annual foul shooting contest. Competition will be held at both the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Youth Center on Thurs., Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. Winners will receive a CO-OP Gift Certificate good towards the purchase of a turkey.

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mobile dealership explored the possible use of part or all of the tract for a new-used car agency and/or a national discount store. Council and the city's Advisory Board turned "thumbs down" on those proposals.

City councils have consistently urged the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the County Council to require the developer to present an overall concept plan for development of the entire tract. Though not legally binding, owner-representative Michael co-operated and presented such a plan in May 1977.

At the time Council was generally pleased with the plan, although it was not enthusiastic about the auto dealership and a 20-25 story tower office building, which council felt intruded on Greenbelt Lake.

Decisions on developmental plans on the tract have been complicated by projected alterations in nearby highway interchanges. For over a decade, a grade separation at Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue employing a bridge structure has been on the drawing boards, but construction and funding of these improvements apparently is still some years away. This fact and the fear that pollution hazards from intense automobile traffic at the intersection are a real threat, persuade many Greenbelters that development of the Triangle at this time is premature.

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## Historical Society Meets

Mrs. Orva Heissenbittel, nationally known authority on antiques, will be the speaker at the next Historical Society meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, at the Greenbelt Library at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Heissenbittel's topic will be "Collecting American Antiques". The public is invited.

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## CPR Program Offerings

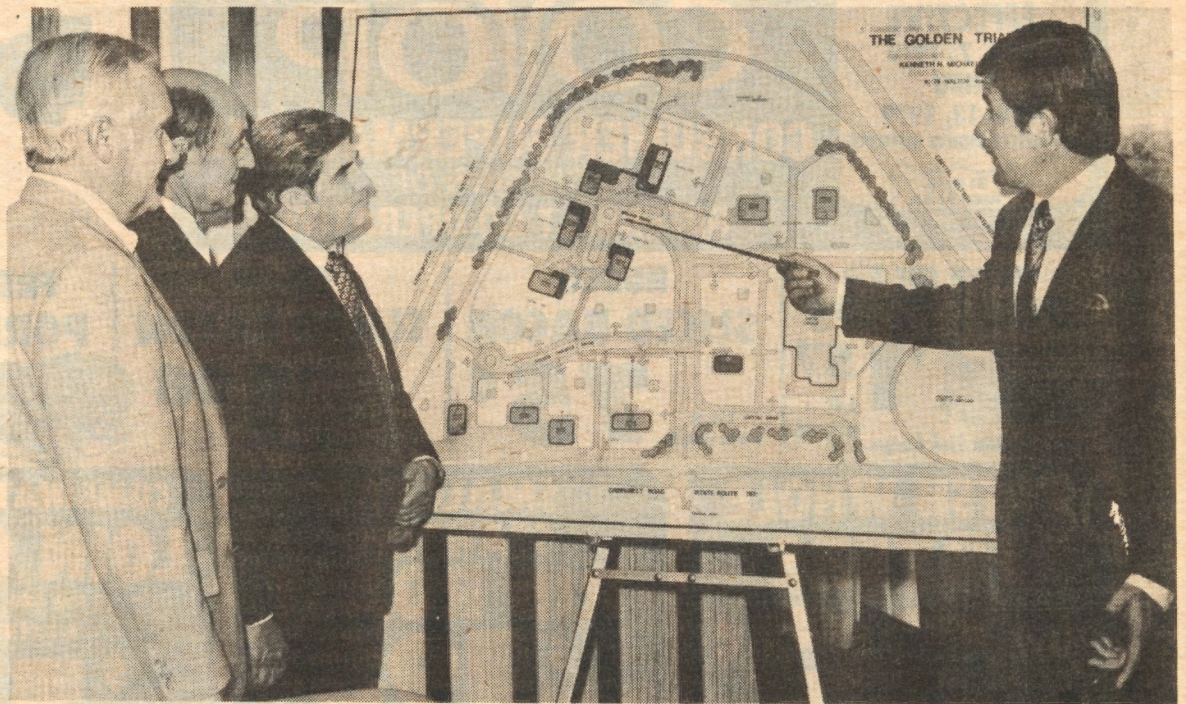
Greenbelt's CPR program is now going into its second year. The first year has seen the training and certification of 203 participants in CPR. In addition, 15 individuals have been certified as CPR instructors. The course is offered twice a month at convenient locations in the city. The class is easy and takes only about six hours to complete. It is divided into two evening sessions so that in a little time people can learn how to perform CPR.

There are openings in the Nov. 28 and 29 class held at the Springhill Lake School. Pre-registration required. Call 474-6878, Mon. thru Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and be placed on the roster. Classes have been cancelled for December. However, Jan. 8 and 9 the program will be resumed at Center School and on Jan. 23 and 24, at the Springhill Lake School. Times are from 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

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## Greenbelt Golden Age Club

The Golden Age Club is co-sponsored by the Greenbelt Rec. Depart. The club is open to all Greenbelt residents age 60 years or over. Meetings are held each Wed. from 10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in addition to special events. Activities include arts and crafts, bingo, cards, dances, parties, luncheons, field trips and instruction classes. Special holiday programs are held as requested by the club, with the department's assistance for facilities, equipment and leadership.



Kenneth Michael (right) discusses Prudential's Golden Triangle concept plan to (from left) Robert Dolan, Prudential regional vice president, Richard Pilski, Greenbelt mayor pro tem and Prince Georges County Executive Lawrence J. Hogan.

## Women's Club News

Immediately following the membership meeting of the Woman's Club of Greenbelt to be held Thursday November 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Community Church, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld will speak on current happenings in our city today. Program chairman, Belva Weisel, will also present the two Greenbelt girls receiving the Club's scholarship to Girl's State.

Hostesses for the evening are Olga Mae Delle, Esther Miller, Mary Henry, Elizabeth Dolina and Beret Newmann. Public invited.

## Cultural Center Meeting

There will be a meeting this Sunday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center's Multi-Purpose Room to discuss converting the former theatre to a cultural center.

The objectives of the meeting will be to outline both short-term and long-term goals which will include raising funds for the rental of the facility, funding of renovation and operation of the center, architectural designs as well as the necessities of parking and security. Committees will be established. Konrad Herling will be chairing the meeting.

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Monday, November 12 has been set aside as visitation day in all county schools. Because it is a Federal holiday honoring Veteran's Day, it is hoped that many fathers and mothers will be able to spend a few hours with their child visiting classrooms. Special projects, displays, demonstrations, and observances will take place in all schools with emphasis on this International Year of the Child.

There will be a display at Prince Georges Plaza, Saturday, November 10, and at Landover Mall on November 14, 15, 16 and 17. Teachers and students will staff the booths and distribute American Education Week literature. Special demonstration at Landover Mall on Nov. 14 includes jazz band from Roosevelt.

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# Public Hearing on Cultural Center

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of Petrucci's Main Street Dinner Theatre in Laurel, an establishment converted from the defunct Laurel movie theatre. Stratton said it was too early to present a financial picture, that there had not been time to do any work on that aspect.

Herling said he needed a year's time to seek funding. "We legitimately should be able to have time to make concrete offerings," he said, referring to the fact that Christacos has allowed a month for Herling, or others, to come up with an alternative to the health spa. "Your problem," said Councilman Richard Pilski, "is to come up with \$15,000 to \$20,000." (The estimated cost of leasing the building for one year.)

"Are you anticipating asking anything from the city?" Pilski asked. Herling said he was asking only for the moral support of the council in his effort, but Councilman Thomas White said "It is not unreasonable to consider the city a participant in this kind of a center," although support would be limited in view of the fact that the city spends taxpayers money, he qualified. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld averred that the city should have a role in such a project, "but the city needs a better handle on what it's getting involved in." The mayor stopped here to read a letter of support from Sidney and Bernice Kastner which said in part:

"We believe it's very important not to settle for alternatives that are expedient but which will detract, in the long run, from the quality of life here in Greenbelt. This is more crucial than ever in view of the pressures of quick development all around us."

Leo Gerton, owner of the High's store next to the theatre said "Anything that would bring people in from the outside, for whatever reason, would be greatly appreciated."

Konrad Herling then introduced someone with whom he said he had "no conflict of interest," his father, Al Herling. Herling senior, who is on the board of the Baltimore Symphony, reminded those present of the role that corporations play in helping to fund the arts. "No program of arts ever supports itself through subscriptions," he said. "The arts require special financing." The senior Herling also noted that his son's plan called for renovation by the non-profit organization, relieving Christacos of renovation expenses.

In one of many invocations of the spirit of Greenbelt, Al Herling recalled Greenbelt's dedication to enhancement of the environment and special provisions for children and asked council to support the "social vision of this very spiritual aspect of living." Those at the hearing applauded.

Grace Ann Adamo, who runs a dance school, said she would like to see the theatre space used as a school for the arts, but would not support an operation similar to Cheverly's Publick Playhouse. She cited many instances of both struggling and more successful arts-related endeavors—the Baltimore Center and the Landsburgh Building in D.C.

Jerry Morris, president of the Jaycees, offered Jaycees manpower to conduct a survey of citizen suggestions for use of the theatre space and responses to the cultural center idea. Al Herling questioned the good of such a survey, but Councilman White pointed out that a survey might help the cultural center idea, add that the survey should include

a question which would gauge monetary support from citizens for the proposed center.

David Benson, new to Greenbelt, expressed an idea which seemed to carry forward enthusiasm for a performing arts facility. Benson is from New York where he managed a financially successful co-op theatre—a theatre which members of the community supported by buying shares. Benson said he came to the hearing unaware that others were considering a community theatre for the space. Citing a *Cooperator* (News Review) article, Benson said the movie theatre was appropriately called Greenbelt's Utopia Theatre when it opened in 1938. Benson said he was prepared, "right now," to buy a \$50 share in a community, co-op theatre.

Angela Schrieber spoke in support of the concept of using the theatre as an educational center for children. Alan Amberg spoke in general support of the cultural center idea, saying, "This is Greenbelt, and nothing's too sophisticated for Greenbelt."

Eileen Peterson noted that the whole area is changing and developing in a way that holds promise for support of some kind of cultural center. She cited the Hilton Inn and Prudential Corporation's choice of the area, and the present and expected middle and upper income homes here, calling Greenbelt "a gem in the center of it all."

Barry Schlessinger suggested that an investigation of health spas might help to demonstrate their impermanence. "I remember when Vic Tanny's offered lifetime memberships," he said. "They only lasted about three years." Christacos is looking for a business with at least a five-year life expectancy.

David Lange told council, "You issued a challenge, and the citizens have responded with spirit and with ideas. The money may come later." Lange noted that all of the businesses in the center are struggling to survive. "If the Co-op goes, the center goes," he said and called on the city to provide some kind of financial back-up to citizen support for the proposed center. "The health spa has a viable lease ready. He (Christacos) needs a credible counter lease; he also needs stable income. The city of Greenbelt is the only entity at this point that can guarantee him a stable source of income." Lange asked that the city demonstrate to the owner that it is willing to share leadership responsibility for establishing a cultural center in a way that the owner will take seriously, and that it establish criteria by which the city would underwrite the rentals cost. "Those conditions could be stringent, or lenient," he said.

Jose Morales, following Benson's lead and demonstrating citizen support, raised his arm at the podium saying, "Mr. Benson is from New York, he put down \$50. I'm from New York, I put down \$50!" Morales also suggested that the Jaycees survey not

just people shopping at the center mall, but in Greenbriar, Springhill Lake and the rest of the community.

Councilman Schwan said that council was grateful for all of the ideas. "If we challenged, we had our challenge answered. We have more resources than I knew we had," he said. The city council is interested in more than the redevelopment of the theatre. "It's the entire center we have to consider," he said. But Schwan said it was difficult to respond to Mr. Lange's challenge. "The initiative must come from Konrad Herling."

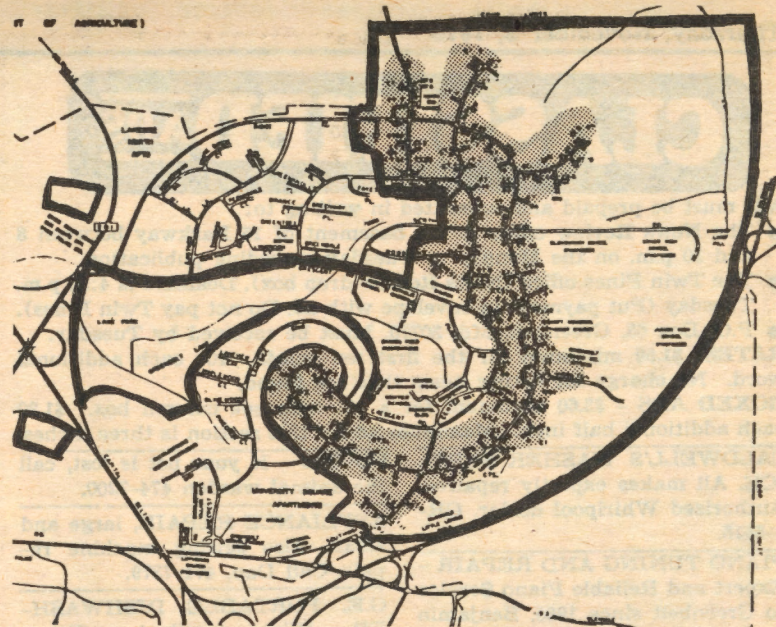
"I come from New York too," Schwan said, offering to contribute \$50 to a "cultural center," although he called this a generic term. "Mr. Christacos," he said, "is quite a reasonable man. He'd probably make his own contribution." But, "He's never made money from the center, and he's not making any now. He's losing money and he can't go on losing money." Schwan said Greenbelt must demonstrate that a cultural center is reasonable, that it can be financially viable.

Councilman White said "There is excitement inherent in the idea of a cultural center," calling such a center "a linchpin for the city." "I'm from D.C. and we're not slouches either," White said. "I'll go the \$50." He said the difficult task will be to come up with the organization that can guarantee Christacos his rent money. "The challenge still lies with Konrad and whoever he can get to join him. That group must demonstrate the viability of a cultural center."

"We're all going to march to the drummer—and Konrad Herling is that drummer," Councilman Pilski said, offering his personal financial support.

"Konrad Herling, you've done an excellent job," said Councilman Castaldi, but cautioned that the establishment of a cultural center may be a long hard fight, which may have to wait for a health spa to come and go. He advised Herling to proceed in stages and suggested that he might start an impromptu theatre group to generate interest. "The Greenbelt philosophy has always been 'You can do it better when you do it yourself.'" He gave Herling his best wishes and financial support.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said he would also contribute to the offer. He called the idea for a cultural center "something special," and said that he was much more enthusiastic about that than a health spa. "There are a number of hurdles, and they can't be Herling hurdles, they've got to be community hurdles." He noted that renovation is expected to cost about a quarter of a million dollars, that rent must be paid and money sent for operations until the center generates money, and that time is short. "Mr. Christacos is a businessman, and he is not going to wait too long until he sees something coming in. Hopefully, we can work something out."



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